

House Study Bill 507 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
BILL BY CHAIRPERSON JONES)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the refund values paid upon return of
2 beverage containers and making penalties applicable.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 455C.2, subsection 1, Code 2016, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. A refund value of not less than ~~five~~ ten cents shall
4 be paid by the consumer on each beverage container sold in
5 this state by a dealer for consumption off the premises.
6 Upon return of the empty beverage container upon which a
7 refund value has been paid to the dealer or person operating
8 a redemption center and acceptance of the empty beverage
9 container by the dealer or person operating a redemption
10 center, the dealer or person operating a redemption center
11 shall return the amount of the refund value to the consumer.

12 Sec. 2. Section 455C.5, subsection 3, Code 2016, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 3. The provisions of subsections 1 and 2 of this section do
15 not apply to a refillable glass beverage container which has
16 a brand name permanently marked on it and which has a refund
17 value of not less than ~~five~~ ten cents, to any other refillable
18 beverage container which has a refund value of not less than
19 ~~five~~ ten cents and which is exempted by the director under
20 rules adopted by the commission, or to a beverage container
21 sold aboard a commercial airliner or passenger train for
22 consumption on the premises.

23 EXPLANATION

24 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
25 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

26 This bill changes the refund value paid by consumers for
27 beverage containers from 5 cents to 10 cents. The bill also
28 modifies the language in Code section 455C.5 to be consistent
29 with that change. According to Code section 455C.12, any
30 person who violates Code section 455C.2 or 455C.5 is guilty of
31 a simple misdemeanor.